

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 8, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman*
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Member Absent

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Cindy Messinger
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Seema Ajrawat
Nick Duray
Gary Logue
Ted Zavora

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that CLOSED SESSION for Legal and Land Acquisition Matters be cancelled. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN-1 Approval – Request for Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2004-LE-021, Mount Vernon Gateway**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 1, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2004-LE-021, Mount Vernon Gateway:

- The Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate a 2.5 - 3.0 acre portion of the site to the Park Authority and develop it as a new neighborhood park (Attachment 2). This area of the site is currently proposed by the applicant for development of several townhouses.
- The property is in the location where the historic African-American community of Gum Springs was established by West Ford, a former slave of George Washington. The property has the potential to contain archaeological resources relating to this occupation. The applicant should conduct a Phase I archaeological survey and subsequent studies as warranted by the results of the Phase I survey.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Mrs. Shapiro being out of the room and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request – McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc. – Falstaff Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 1, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from the McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 for the replacement of the playground at Falstaff Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Mrs. Shapiro being out of the room and Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Approval – Authorization to Solicit Public Comment on the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan Update

This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on June 1, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Ms. Kohler **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the release of the 2005 update to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan for public comment for 30 days from June 13 through July 12, 2005; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Meeting with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority – Tri-County Parkway and Loudoun County Rezoning**

Mr. Strickland reported that he will be meeting with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on Friday, June 10, 2005, to discuss the Tri-County Parkway and Loudoun County rezoning, environmental issues, and any other issues they may have.

- **Preliminary Fairfax4Horses (F4H) Meeting**

Mr. Strickland reported that he will be attending a preliminary Fairfax4Horses meeting at a private home on June 16, 2005. The F4H will host additional meetings in the future.

- **Meeting with Chairman Connolly – Tri-County Parkway**

Mr. Strickland reported that he, Board Member Glasgow, and Mr. Kane will meet with Chairman Connolly on July 8, 2005 to discuss the Tri-County Parkway.

- **Proposed Transfer of the Pinewood Lakes School Site to the Park Authority**

Mr. Strickland asked the Board to consider Supervisor Kauffman's recent letter regarding the transfer of the Pinewood Lakes School Site to the Park Authority. After discussion the Board agreed, depending upon the outcome of Mr. Kane's discussion with the County Executive, that it would send a letter to the School Board indicating that the transfer of this land would enhance the Park Authority's presence in this area and that the Park Authority Board supports this transfer.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **Virginia Supreme Court Hearing**

Mr. Kane distributed a copy of an article that appeared in the McLean Times Community Newspaper on June 8, 2005, regarding the hearing before the Supreme Court of Virginia on the case of the Board of Zoning Appeals and West Lewinsville Heights Civic Association's appeal of

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the lower courts decision regarding the zoning of Lewinsville Park.

Mr. Kane reported that he had attended the hearing, which was his first experience attending a hearing before the Supreme Court. Three members of the County Attorney's staff were present. Jan Brodie and Scott Wynn were the Park Authority's representatives on the brief and Deputy County Attorney Pat Taves, was there to observe and provide moral support for his staff. Pat Taves is a very experienced Supreme Court attorney, who has clerked for the Supreme Court right out of law school and has argued many cases before the state and federal Supreme Courts.

The Court should render its decision in September 2005.

- **Parks Policy Plan**

Mr. Kane reported that due to a power outage during the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, June 6, 2005, the public hearing for the Parks Policy Plan was deferred until June 20, 2005 at 4 p.m. Only one speaker, a neighbor of the Margaret White Horticultural Park, had signed up to speak. Mr. Glasgow was prepared to speak on behalf of the Park Authority on June 6, 2005; however, Mr. Glasgow will not be available on June 20, 2005.

- **Surprise Announcement**

Mr. Kane reported that Young Ho Chang, Director of the County's Department of Transportation, tendered his resignation effective July 8, 2005. Mr. Chang will be taking a challenging position in the private sector. Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Chang has worked closely with the Park Authority on a number of projects and is an asset to the Count. Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Chang will be missed by the Park Authority.

Mr. Strickland requested Mr. Kane to prepare a resolution recognizing Mr. Chang for his assistance. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

- **Introduction of the Leisure and Wellness Manager in the Park Services Division**

Mr. Kane introduced a new member of the Park Authority staff, Barbara Nugent. Ms. Nugent has taken Charlie Bittenbring's old position as the Leisure and Wellness Manager in the Park Services Division. Ms. Nugent brings 25 years experience in the parks and recreation field. She worked in Howard County, Maryland, for 20 years, then in El Paso County in Colorado, and most recently in Woodburn, Oregon.

Ms. Nugent was chosen for the position after a national search, and was eager to join the Park Authority. On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mr. Kane welcomed Ms. Nugent to the Park Authority.

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- **Media Update for Sully Woodlands Public Master Planning Workshop**

Judy Pedersen announced that she and Lynn Tadlock met early in the day at Cub Run RECenter with reporter Shannon Bream from Channel 4. They discussed Sully Woodlands and the planning process coming up for public input. The interview aired at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Ms. Pedersen reported that she did request a copy of the interview for the Board to review at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD

**NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting.
Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority
Board meeting each month.**

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone was absent.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda read an e-mail of appreciation to the Park Authority Board and staff from the Mason District Supervisor, Penelope A. Gross regarding the rebuilding of the Newton Edwards Amphitheatre at Mason District Park.

Dear Frank: Would you please express my personal thanks to the Park Authority Board and staff for their support of the rebuilding of the Newton Edwards Amphitheatre at Mason District Park. I wish I could come by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board meeting in person tomorrow night, but I will be driving to a Chesapeake Bay conference in Pennsylvania, representing the Commonwealth of Virginia, at the same time, so I hope this email will serve instead. I cannot tell you how pleased I was with the terrific support of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and staff in the entire rebuilding process. From you and Mike Kane on that first dreadful day and the interest of the Fairfax County Park Authority board, to the project team headed by Don Sotirchos and the efforts of Richard Maple and his crews, right through to the ultimate celebration aided by Judy Pedersen Sunday night, everybody was terrific. I suspect Sousan Frankeberger thought I was a little crazy when I told her after the fire to go ahead and schedule the summer concerts as usual. I know I pushed, but without the terrific cooperation of everyone involved, my efforts would have been like Sisyphus rolling the rock uphill but never reaching the top. We all reached the top of this mountain together! A special thanks to Mike Kane and Don Sotirchos for the surprise photo and flowers presentation on Sunday night. Those were very sweet gestures, and I will treasure the photo, and the plaque's sentiments,

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always. I hope all the Fairfax County Park Authority Board members will

take the opportunity to visit our beautifully redone site, and see what great teamwork can produce. With many, many thanks, Penny – Penelope A. Gross Mason District Supervisor.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon had no Board Matters.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that the Cardboard Boat Regatta took place at Lake Accotink Park in Saturday, June 4, 2005. Mrs. Shapiro thanked Ed Batten and George Lovelace for filling in for her. The race is always the highlight of the year at Lake Accotink Park.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng had no Board Matters.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay announced that there was an individual dedication on Saturday, June 4, 2005, of the new 90' baseball diamond at Great Falls Nike Park. Supervisor Joan DuBois was in attendance along with a good number of citizens. Judy Pedersen is working on a Park Authority dedication of the facility.

Mr. Fay announced receipt of a letter from the National Park Service granting the Park Authority's request for approval of the interim use agreement with the Potomac School for use of Langley Fork Park as a pick-up/drop-off site for students. This came about through a number of meetings and with the help of Congressmen Moran and Wolf and their chiefs of staff, as well as, a conversation at the NRPA reception at Colvin Run with the Director of the National Park Service, Fran Mainella. There are a number of conditions that apply to the trial period. Staff will review the agreement to determine if it agrees with what the Board approved last year. If the agreement needs to be adjusted; staff will return for Park Authority Board approval.

Mr. Fay noted that the people at Potomac School are very pleased with the effort the Park Authority put into getting approval from the National Park Service.

The Potomac School is looking at some other opportunities in relationship to Langley Fork Park and Clemyjontri Park that may provide some other opportunities for the Park Authority.

Mr. Fay also notified Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, that the Park Authority is interested in continuing the discussion of a land swap near Langley Fork Park.

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- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten thanked Winnie Shapiro once again for giving him the opportunity to be a judge for the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park. He was pleased to have George Lovelace and Bob Brennan at the event. It was very humid, but very enjoyable. Mr. Batten encouraged anyone who has never gone to the regatta to go next year.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler reported that she and Joanne Malone attended the National Trails Day event on Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Oak Marr Park. The event was very well attended. Afterward, they carpooled to the Cross County Trail groundbreaking of the King Arthur section of the trail.

Ms. Kohler stated that she also attended the re-opening of the amphitheater at Mason District Park, and it was fabulous. Ms. Kohler complimented Frank Vajda for a very fine speech at the dedication

Ms. Kohler commended Judy Pedersen for the hard work that she does preparing for the dedications. Mr. Kohler stated that Mr. Pedersen comes too.

Because she will be at a graduation, Ms. Kohler announced that she would not be able to attend the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace thanked Tawny Hammond, Manager of Lake Accotink Park, for making it pleasant for him to get to the Cardboard Boat Regatta. She made it even more pleasant the way she handled things at the event. Mrs. Lovelace also attended the event and had a ball. It was a pleasure to see families doing things together toward a common goal.

Because he will be out-of-town, Mr. Lovelace announced that he would not be able to attend the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow stated that he also enjoyed the re-opening of the Mason District Park amphitheater.

Because of his vacation, Mr. Glasgow announced that he may/may not be able to attend the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

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- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie commended staff for doing a tremendous job on moving through the master planning process for the Lawyers Road site. The next public planning workshop will be held at 7 p.m. in rooms 106/107 of the Herrity Building on July 12, 2005. To date, all the coverage from the press and the comments from citizens have been positive.

Mr. Bouie reported that the Reston Association has been going through a recreation planning process and presented its study to the Reston Association board last week. It is a very extensive study on the needs of Reston, which is a large part of the Hunter Mill District. The study stressed a need for aquatic facilities and a need of an indoor recreational facility of some type. A number of conversations are going on regarding the needs and how to fund these facilities, which goes hand in hand with some of the issues in the Park Authority's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Bouie noted that he is a member of the Reston Community Center Board and that it has a great aquatics program. Unfortunately, there are more people on the waiting list than are in all of the aquatics classes put together, so there is a need to expand or partner with someone to build another facility. With that he told everyone about Cub Run RECenter and what a beautiful facility it is. The Reston Community Center Board would like to take a field trip to the RECenter on Sunday, June 12, 2005, to tour the facility to get some ideas on what they might plan as a future facility.

Mr. Bouie also reported that the Strawberry Festival was held to raise money to build Nature House, a 7,000 square foot facility in Reston. Mr. Bouie told Bob Brennan to expect a call from the gentleman who just retired from the Voice of American and is interested in volunteering.

- **There were no other BOARD MATTERS reported.**

CLOSED SESSION was cancelled at the start of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone being absent.

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on June 22, 2005

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

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